



Banish the Styrofoam!

November Faculty Meeting 2016

Green Minute

What is Styrofoam and why is it so bad for the environment?

- ▶ Only about 5% of a foam package is polystyrene. The rest is air.
- ▶ Polystyrene is made from petroleum. And in its production process, a carcinogenic chemical known as benzene is used.
- ▶ When ingested by animals, it often blocks their digestive tracts, causes starvation and ultimately, death.
- ▶ Styrofoam is often space-consuming. It is estimated that by volume, it takes up as much as 30% of landfills worldwide.
- ▶ Styrofoam can last almost forever.
- ▶ Source:

"Recycling Styrofoam." *All-recycling-facts.com*, www.all-recycling-facts.com/recycling-styrofoam.html. Accessed 9 Nov. 2016.



What can you do to reduce your usage of Styrofoam?

- ▶ Use reusable dishes, cups, bowls, etc.
- ▶ Use paper cups, plates, etc., when reusable items are not available
- ▶ Refrain from using packing materials that involve Styrofoam

Here is your chance to make a difference for others and for the environment!

- ▶ Bring your reusable bowl and utensils for Stone Soup day on Friday, November 18th!
- ▶ Encourage and remind your students and colleagues to do the same!

